

3. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE ACKERMAN OF NEW YORK, OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES:

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1588, AS REPORTED**  
**OFFERED BY MR. ACKERMAN OF NEW YORK**

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At the end of title XII (page 384, after line 3), insert the following new section:

1 SEC. \_\_\_\_ SENSE OF CONGRESS CONCERNING NAVY PORT

2 CALLS IN ISRAEL.

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

4 (1) The United States Sixth Fleet has not conducted regular visits to the port of Haifa, Israel,  
5 since the attack on the U.S.S. Cole in Aden, Yemen,  
6 on October 12, 2000, but previously visited that port  
7 on a regular basis, with an average of 90 United  
8 States warships visiting Haifa each year.

10 (2) The United States Navy has invested millions of dollars in expanding the capacity and capability of the port of Haifa to accommodate United  
11 States Navy requirements and the port of Haifa is  
12 among the most secure harbors in the world and offers reliable and efficient repair facilities with close  
13 proximity to capable air transport and communications.  
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18 (3) The forward presence of United States  
19 Navy ships is a powerful deterrent to aggression and  
20 a tangible expression of American national interests.



1           (4) The visits of the United States Sixth Fleet  
2           to Haifa demonstrate the historic friendship of the  
3           American and Israeli people and the commitment of  
4           the United States to the security and survival of the  
5           State of Israel.

6           (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
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8           (1) the Secretary of Defense and the United  
9           States Navy should engage with the Government of  
10          Israel and the Israel Defense Forces to establish ap-  
11          propriate and effective arrangements to ensure the  
12          safety of United States Navy vessels and personnel;  
13          and

14          (2) upon such arrangements being made, the  
15          Sixth Fleet should resume regular port visits to  
16          Haifa, Israel.

